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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Foreign Agricultural Service

7 CFR Part 1599

RIN 0551-AA64

McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program

AGENCY: Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Foreign Agricultural Service proposes to establish rules governing the foreign donation of resources, including agricultural commodities, to implement the McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program. This program would provide agricultural commodities and financial and technical assistance to carry out preschool and school food for education programs and maternal, infant, and child nutrition programs, in foreign countries.

DATES: Submit comments on or before April 25, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Address all comments concerning this proposed rule to William S. Hawkins, Director, Program Administration Division, Foreign Agricultural Service, United States Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Stop 1031, Washington, DC 20250-1031; telephone (202) 720-3241.

You may submit comments and data by sending electronic mail (E-mail) to: Lorie.Jacobs@usda.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Lorie Jacobs, Branch Chief, Financial Analysis Branch, Program Administration Division, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Ag. Box 1034, Washington, DC 20250-1031; telephone (202) 720-2074; FAX (202) 690-1595. The USDA prohibits discrimination in its programs on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, political beliefs and marital

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Executive Order 12866

This proposed rule is issued in conformance with Executive Order 12866. It has been determined to be significant under Executive Order 12866 and has been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget. A cost-benefit assessment has been completed and is available to the public by contacting Lorie Jacobs at (202) 720-2074.

Executive Order 12988

This proposed rule has been reviewed in accordance with Executive Order 12988, Civil Justice Reform. This proposed rule would have preemptive effect with respect to any State or local laws, regulations or policies which conflict with such provisions or which otherwise impede their full implementation; does not have retroactive effect; and does not require administrative proceedings before suit may be filed.

Executive Order 12372

This program is not subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials (*see* the notice related to 7 CFR part 3015, subpart V, published at 48 FR 29115).

Regulatory Flexibility Act

It has been determined that the Regulatory Flexibility Act is not applicable to this proposed rule because FAS is not required by any other provision of law to publish a notice of proposed rulemaking with respect to the subject matter of this proposed rule.

Paperwork Reduction Act

This proposed rule would add new information collection requirements applicable to the McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) requests approval of a new information collection in support of the

McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program.

Title: McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program.

OMB Control Number: xxxx-xxxx.

Type of Request: Approval of an information collection.

Abstract: This information is needed to administer the McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program. The information will be gathered from applicants desiring to receive grants under the program to determine the viability of requests for resources to implement school feeding and maternal and child nutrition programs in foreign countries and other periodic reports during the course of implementing the activities.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of the additional information is estimated to average 74 hours per applicant.

Respondents: Private voluntary organizations, shipping agents, ship owners/brokers, and survey companies.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 156.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 7.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 11,607 hours.

Copies of the information collection may be obtained from Kimberly Chisley, the Agency Information Collection Coordinator, at (202) 720-2568.

Request for Comments: Send comments regarding (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; or (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments should be sent to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503 and to: William